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STATE RATE HOLDS STEADY DURING THE MONTH

The incidence of unemployment in Michigan remained unchanged at 11.3 percent during the month of June. The jobless rate represented approximately 503,000 unemployed individuals, a slight increase of 6,000 from month ago figures. Economic conditions in the statewide labor force remained stable during the month of June, as both the work force and total employment registered normal seasonal advancements. Total employment climbed by 50,000 to 3,949,000, while the labor force moved upward by 56,000 to total 4,451,000 for the month. The majority of job gains were centered in the construction, service and retail trade industries. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 164,000, while the size of the labor force has increased by 16,000. In June 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 650,000, representing an unemployment rate of 14.6 percent.

STATE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL RETAINS UPWARD TREND

Nonagricultural employment increased for the fifth consecutive month in Michigan as total wage and salary employment climbed to 3,298,000 in June. Employment opportunities inched upward by approximately 5,200 as manufacturing and nonmanufacturing gains were partially offset by governmental losses. Total manufacturing employment at 942,900, rose by 8,900 primarily as a result of minor job gains scattered throughout the durable goods division. Private nonmanufacturing jumped by 19,000 to 1,802,500 in June, as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Public sector payrolls dropped by 22,700 as educational cutbacks at the state and local levels caused government employment to fall to 552,600. Since June 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 107,700 positions or 3.4 percent. Approximately 67,900 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while private nonmanufacturing has increased by 57,400 positions.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
JUNE 1984 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,452,000	3,949,000	503,000	11.3
Ann Arbor SMSA	150,900	139,800	11,100	7.4
Battle Creek SMSA	81,200	72,300	8,900	11.0
Bay City SMSA	53,700	46,800	6,900	12.8
Benton Harbor SMSA	73,900	64,700	9,200	12.4
Detroit SMSA	2,028,000	1,806,200	221,800	10.9
Flint SMSA	229,900	201,400	28,500	12.4
Grand Rapids SMSA	347,400	314,100	33,300	9.6
Jackson SMSA	67,000	58,600	8,400	12.5
Kalamazoo SMSA	143,000	129,800	13,200	9.2
Lansing SMSA	265,900	228,300	37,600	14.1
Muskegon SMSA	79,000	69,500	9,500	12.0
Saginaw SMSA	102,700	90,700	12,000	11.7
Upper Peninsula-LMA	148,300	128,600	19,700	13.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JUNE 1984	MAY 1984	APR 1984	JUNE 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4452.0	4396.0	4331.0	4435.0
Employment	3949.0	3899.0	3852.0	3785.0
Unemployment	503.0	497.0	479.0	650.0
Rate	11.3	11.3	11.1	14.6
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3298.0	3292.8	3263.8	3190.3
Manufacturing	942.9	934.0	928.8	875.0
Durables	744.3	736.7	732.0	680.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.6	11.4	10.4
Furniture and Fixtures	24.1	23.5	23.0	21.0
Metals	168.2	168.1	167.3	152.0
Primary Metals	53.9	54.0	53.9	50.7
Fabricated Metals	114.3	114.1	113.4	101.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	127.2	124.5	123.5	115.6
Electrical Machinery	31.8	32.3	32.6	30.7
Transportation Equipment	343.3	339.5	337.4	315.5
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	323.9	320.2	318.2	297.6
Other Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.3	19.2	17.9
Other Durables	37.7	37.2	36.8	35.5
Nondurables	198.6	197.3	196.8	194.3
Food and Kindred	47.2	46.2	45.5	45.3
Textiles and Apparel	20.4	19.7	20.2	19.4
Paper Products	20.7	20.4	20.2	20.3
Printing and Publishing	33.9	34.2	34.0	33.5
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.5	41.1	41.5	42.9
Other Nondurables	34.9	35.7	35.4	32.9
Nonmanufacturing	1802.5	1783.5	1754.3	1745.1
Construction	104.9	99.1	90.7	91.3
Trans., Commun., Utilities	136.9	139.5	137.7	140.0
Wholesale Trade	160.6	157.2	155.6	145.1
Retail Trade	562.8	556.0	545.7	549.4
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	158.4	155.8	154.1	152.4
Services	669.4	666.6	661.4	657.8
Mining	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.1
Government	552.6	575.3	580.7	570.2
Federal	56.8	56.0	55.1	56.6
State	128.4	138.6	146.6	134.4
Local	367.4	380.7	379.0	379.2
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4

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SLOW GROWTH IN AREA INFLATION RATE

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area increased slightly by two tenths of a percent over the month to reach 306.3 in June. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily due to a seasonal increase in electricity rates. Prices in the area rose by 3.3 percent since June 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 296.6.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by one full point to reach 310.7. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for food and entertainment. Between June 1983 and June 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.2 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 298.1.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched upward from 43.2 hours in May to 43.4 hours in June. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the electrical machinery and construction industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings rose by fifteen cents to $12.23, while average weekly earnings jumped by $8.79 to total $530.56. In June 1983, earnings averaged $11.63 an hour or $493.49 per week for a 42.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.23	$12.08	$11.63	43.4	43.2	42.4	$530.56	$521.77	$493.49
DURABLE GOODS	12.68	12.53	12.09	43.8	43.6	42.7	555.87	546.71	516.08
Primary Metal Products	12.31	12.35	12.08	42.1	41.8	41.3	517.96	515.84	499.00
Fabricated Metal Products	11.90	11.90	11.47	43.1	43.8	41.6	513.08	521.36	477.33
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.18	12.00	11.57	43.5	43.0	40.7	529.49	516.06	470.72
Electrical Machinery	10.80	10.49	10.20	43.0	42.0	42.9	464.47	440.42	436.97
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.33	14.07	13.40	45.3	44.8	44.5	648.57	630.69	596.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.36	10.26	9.90	41.7	41.5	41.6	432.45	425.60	411.51
Contract Construction	14.78	14.63	14.42	39.9	38.3	37.3	590.50	559.79	537.36
Department Stores	6.34	6.26	6.17	29.3	29.4	28.9	185.43	184.29	178.31

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the fifth consecutive month during June. The regular benefits claims load averaged 96,500 per week in June, approximately 8,450 or 8.1 percent lower than the month ago total. In June 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 135,525.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program slipped by 4,125 or 15.6 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 22,300 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
June 02, 1984	97,600	11,900	85,700	23,200	2,300	20,900
June 09, 1984	99,500	13,200	86,300	23,000	2,500	20,500
June 16, 1984	97,600	11,800	85,800	22,400	2,300	20,100
June 23, 1984	95,900	11,900	84,000	21,800	2,200	19,600
June 30, 1984	91,900	12,300	79,600	21,100	2,200	18,900

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Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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JOBLESSNESS HOLDS STEADY AT 11.3 PERCENT

Unemployment in Michigan remained at 11.3 percent for the third consecutive month. The July jobless rate represents 506,000 unemployed individuals, approximately 3,000 more than the total of a month ago. Total employment in July, climbed by 26,000 to 3,975,000 as job gains were centered in construction and tourist related industries. Additionally, the July employment level was the highest level recorded in the state since November 1979 when it reached 4,006,000. Michigan's labor force showed a slight increase of 29,000 in July, largely in response to summer jobseekers entering the labor market in search of work. Compared with a year ago, employment in the state has jumped by 133,000, while the size of the labor force has grown by 62,000. In July 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 577,000, representing an unemployment rate of 13.1 percent.

SLIGHT DECLINE IN STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan's nonagricultural wage and salary employment slipped downward as total industry jobs dipped to 3,283,000 in July. Employment opportunities dropped by approximately 15,000 as minor nonmanufacturing gains were easily offset by manufacturing and governmental losses. Total manufacturing employment at 937,400, slipped by 5,500 with the majority of losses centered in the primary and fabricated metals industry. Private nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 1,700 to 1,804,200 in July, as construction, wholesale trade and services experienced minor gains . Public sector payrolls fell by 11,200 with most of the decrease appearing at the local level . Since July 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 101,100 positions or 3.2 percent. Approximately 65,000 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while nonmanufacturing jobs have climbed by 54,200. Government payrolls slipped by 18,100 over the same time period.

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Flint SMSA	226,600	198,900	27,700	12.2
Grand Rapids SMSA	347,400	314,500	32,900	9.5
Jackson SMSA	66,900	58,700	8,200	12.3
Kalamazoo SMSA	145,100	132,700	12,400	8.5
Lansing SMSA	259,500	227,600	31,900	12.3
Muskegon SMSA	79,500	69,600	9,900	12.5
Saginaw SMSA	105,600	92,600	13,000	12.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	150,400	131,800	18,600	12.4

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JULY 1984	JUNE 1984	MAY 1984	JULY 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4481.0	4452.0	4396.0	4419.0
Employment	3975.0	3949.0	3899.0	3842.0
Unemployment	506.0	503.0	497.0	577.0
Rate	11.3	11.3	11.3	13.1
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3283.0	3298.0	3292.8	3181.9
Manufacturing	937.4	942.9	934.0	872.4
Durables	737.9	744.3	736.7	679.0
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Wholesale Trade	161.5	160.6	157.2	147.6
Retail Trade	560.1	562.8	556.0	547.3
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	158.6	158.4	155.8	152.9
Services	670.9	669.4	666.6	659.4
Mining	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.9
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CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the first time in six months during the month of July. The regular benefits claims load averaged 104,925 per week in July, approximately 8,425 or 8.7 percent higher than the month ago total. In July 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 128,280.

Conversely, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program dipped by 1,475 or 6.6 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 20,825 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

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July 14, 1984	103,800	16,700	87,100	21,700	2,500	19,200
July 21, 1984	106,500	18,100	88,400	20,600	2,100	18,500
July 28, 1984	111,300	21,900	89,400	20,200	2,000	18,200

SLIGHT RISE IN DETROIT AREA PRICES

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries fell from 43.4 hours in June to 42.2 hours in July. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the automotive and related industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings inched upward by one cent to $12.25, while average weekly earnings dropped by $13.89 to total $517.35. In July 1983, earnings averaged $11.64 an hour or $489.86 per week for a 42.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.25	$12.24	$11.64	42.2	43.4	42.1	$517.35	$531.24	$489.86
DURABLE GOODS	12.70	12.69	12.14	42.6	43.8	42.4	541.32	555.78	515.11
Primary Metal Products	12.37	12.31	12.24	41.0	42.1	41.3	507.46	517.80	505.01
Fabricated Metal Products	11.89	11.91	11.34	41.2	43.0	41.5	490.53	512.75	470.58
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.24	12.17	11.71	43.1	43.5	40.7	527.89	529.30	475.93
Electrical Machinery	10.44	10.77	9.76	41.3	42.9	41.3	431.13	462.17	402.69
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.34	14.33	13.49	43.7	45.3	44.3	626.17	648.54	597.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.41	10.40	9.78	40.8	41.9	40.8	424.97	435.39	398.90
Contract Construction	14.31	14.54	14.34	38.5	39.8	37.5	550.72	579.31	537.72
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Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
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Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
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Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
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Midland County	Midland County
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STATE JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO 10.3 PERCENT

The Michigan unemployment rate fell one full percentage point over the month as the jobless rate dropped from 11.3 percent in July to 10.3 percent in August. The rate decrease represents 50,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total state residents seeking employment slipped to 456,000. The decrease in joblessness was primarily seasonal in nature, due largely in part to summer jobseekers dropping out the state's civilian labor force. Total employment in August registered a small decline as the number of employed residents fell by 13,000 to reach 3,962,000. The August jobless rate was the lowest level recorded in over four and half years when the rate was 10.3 in January 1980. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 164,000, while the size of the labor force has expanded by 32,000. In August 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 588,000, representing an unemployment rate of 13.4 percent.

STATE JOBS DIP SLIGHTLY

Wage and salary employment in Michigan decreased as total industry jobs slipped to 3,273,900 in August. Employment opportunities edged downward by approximately 9,100 as job losses were evident in all three sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 930,900, fell by 6,500 primarily as a result of model changeover at automotive assembly plants. Private nonmanufacturing employment inched downward by 600 to 1,803,600 in August, as minor losses occurred in construction and retail trade. Public sector payrolls dropped by 2,000 as federal and state gains were easily offset by local level losses. Since August 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 111,500 positions or 3.5 percent. Approximately 67,300 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while manufacturing payrolls added 59,300 positions. Government jobs fell by 15,100 over the year.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES AUGUST 1984 (Prel.)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,418,000	3,962,000	456,000	10.3
Ann Arbor SMSA	149,000	139,000	10,000	6.7
Battle Creek SMSA	82,100	74,800	7,300	8.9
Bay City SMSA	55,500	47,900	7,600	13.7
Benton Harbor SMSA	72,700	65,900	6,800	9.4
Detroit SMSA	2,008,100	1,797,400	210,700	10.5
Flint SMSA	222,000	194,700	27,300	12.3
Grand Rapids SMSA	342,300	314,600	27,700	8.1
Jackson SMSA	65,500	58,100	7,400	11.3
Kalamazoo SMSA	143,600	133,000	10,600	[illegible]
Lansing SMSA	255,800	228,800	27,000	6
Muskegon SMSA	78,800	71,000	7,800	9.9
Saginaw SMSA	103,900	93,400	10,500	10.1
Upper Peninsula LMA	148,900	132,600	16,300	10.9

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JULY 1984	JUNE 1984	MAY 1984	JULY 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4481.0	4452.0	4396.0	4419.0
Employment	3975.0	3949.0	3899.0	3842.0
Unemployment	506.0	503.0	497.0	577.0
Rate	11.3	11.3	11.3	13.1
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3283.0	3298.0	3292.8	3181.9
Manufacturing	937.4	942.9	934.0	872.4
Durables	737.9	744.3	736.7	679.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	12.0	11.6	10.4
Furniture and Fixtures	23.9	24.1	23.5	21.2
Metals	164.7	168.2	168.1	149.8
Primary Metals	52.4	53.9	54.0	50.1
Fabricated Metals	112.3	114.3	114.1	99.7
Nonelectrical Machinery	126.5	127.2	124.5	115.0
Electrical Machinery	31.6	31.8	32.3	30.5
Transportation Equipment	342.7	343.3	339.5	317.0
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	323.3	323.9	320.2	298.9
Other Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.4	19.3	18.1
Other Durables	36.8	37.7	37.2	35.1
Nondurables	199.5	198.6	197.3	193.4
Food and Kindred	46.0	47.2	46.2	47.1
Textiles and Apparel	20.2	20.4	19.7	18.5
Paper Products	20.5	20.7	20.4	20.0
Printing and Publishing	33.9	33.9	34.2	32.9
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.8	41.5	41.1	43.1
Other Nondurables	34.5	34.9	35.7	31.8
Nonmanufacturing	1804.2	1802.5	1783.5	1750.0
Construction	107.9	104.9	99.1	94.3
Trans., Commun., Utilities	135.9	136.9	139.5	139.6
Wholesale Trade	161.5	160.6	157.2	147.6
Retail Trade	560.1	562.8	556.0	547.3
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	158.6	158.4	155.8	152.9
Services	670.9	669.4	666.6	659.4
Mining	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.9
Government	541.4	552.6	575.3	559.5
Federal	56.9	56.8	56.0	56.1
State	128.1	128.4	138.6	132.7
Local	356.4	367.4	380.7	370.7
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	4.2	3.8	0.4	1.1

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the first time in six months during the month of July. The regular benefits claims load averaged 104,925 per week in July, approximately 8,425 or 8.7 percent higher than the month ago total. In July 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 128,280.

Conversely, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program dipped by 1,475 or 6.6 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 20,825 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
July 07, 1984	98,100	18,300	79,800	20,800	2,400	18,400
July 14, 1984	103,800	16,700	87,100	21,700	2,500	19,200
July 21, 1984	106,500	18,100	88,400	20,600	2,100	18,500
July 28, 1984	111,300	21,900	89,400	20,200	2,000	18,200

SLIGHT RISE IN DETROIT AREA PRICES

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area increased by five tenths of a percent over the month to reach 307.7 in July. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily due to increased medical care, food and housing costs. Prices in the area rose by 3.1 percent since July 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 298.4.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by one full point to reach 311.7. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for medical care and housing. Between July 1983 and July 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.1 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 299.3.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries fell from 43.4 hours in June to 42.2 hours in July. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the automotive and related industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings inched upward by one cent to $12.25, while average weekly earnings dropped by $13.89 to total $517.35. In July 1983, earnings averaged $11.64 an hour or $489.86 per week for a 42.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.25	$12.24	$11.64	42.2	43.4	42.1	$517.35	$531.24	$489.86
DURABLE GOODS	12.70	12.69	12.14	42.6	43.8	42.4	541.32	555.78	515.11
Primary Metal Products	12.37	12.31	12.24	41.0	42.1	41.3	507.46	517.80	505.01
Fabricated Metal Products	11.89	11.91	11.34	41.2	43.0	41.5	490.53	512.75	470.58
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.24	12.17	11.71	43.1	43.5	40.7	527.89	529.30	475.93
Electrical Machinery	10.44	10.77	9.76	41.3	42.9	41.3	431.13	462.17	402.69
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.34	14.33	13.49	43.7	45.3	44.3	626.17	648.54	597.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.41	10.40	9.78	40.8	41.9	40.8	424.97	435.39	398.90
Contract Construction	14.31	14.54	14.34	38.5	39.8	37.5	550.72	579.31	537.72
Department Stores	6.21	6.23	6.13	29.8	30.0	30.0	185.06	186.57	183.90

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
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SEASONAL FACTORS LEAD TO INCREASED JOBLESSNESS

Unemployment in Michigan increased slightly over the last four months of 1984 as the jobless rate climbed from 9.8 percent in September to 10.6 percent in December. The rise in statewide joblessness was primarily the result of seasonal factors due to the onset of winter which traditionally contributes to additional job losses in the state. The December jobless rate represents 457,000 unemployed individuals, approximately 28,000 more than the September figure. Total employment over the four month period, registered a significant decline as the number of employed residents fell by 71,000 to reach 3,861,000. The drop in employment was a direct result of seasonal job losses in the manufacturing, agricultural and construction industries. Subsequently, the employment losses drove Michigan's civilian labor force down by 44,000 to finish the year at 4,318,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in the state has jumped by 150,000 while the size of the labor force has expanded by 106,000. In December 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 501,000 representing an unemployment rate of 11.9 percent.

STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES EXPAND

During the last four months of 1984, wage and salary employment in Michigan showed minor advances as total industry jobs closed the year at 3,355,800. Employment opportunities edged upward by approximately 14,500 as the majority of job gains were centered in the nonmanufacturing sector of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 961,800, inched upward by 200 primarily as a result of minor gains and losses scattered throughout the entire sector. Private nonmanufacturing employment increased by 11,600 over the four month period as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities in the retail trade industry. Public sector payrolls climbed by 2,700 as federal and local gains offset state level losses. Since December 1983, industry employment in Michigan has jumped by 82,000 positions or 2.5 percent. Approximately 52,200 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while the manufacturing sector regained 29,500 positions.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
DECEMBER 1984 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,318,000	3,861,000	457,000	10.6
Ann Arbor SMSA	150,100	141,200	8,900	5.9
Battle Creek SMSA	78,100	69,500	8,600	11.0
Bay City SMSA	52,100	44,500	7,600	14.6
Benton Harbor SMSA	70,700	61,600	9,100	12.9
Detroit SMSA	1,947,400	1,762,900	184,500	9.5
Flint SMSA	223,000	196,200	26,800	12.0
Grand Rapids SMSA	336,000	302,500	33,500	10.0
Jackson SMSA	63,300	56,300	7,000	11.1
Kalamazoo SMSA	138,600	125,700	12,900	9.3
Lansing SMSA	247,500	226,500	21,000	8.5
Muskegon SMSA	76,300	66,400	9,900	13.0
Saginaw SMSA	101,200	90,700	10,500	10.4
Upper Peninsula LMA	140,200	117,300	22,900	16.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	DEC 1984	NOV 1984	OCT 1984	SEPT 1984
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4318.0	4371.0	4372.0	4362.0
Employment	3861.0	3904.0	3930.0	3932.0
Unemployment	457.0	468.0	442.0	429.0
Rate	10.6	10.7	10.1	9.8
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3355.8	3350.4	3354.9	3341.3
Manufacturing	961.8	954.4	961.4	961.6
Durables	764.5	756.2	761.9	760.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.4	11.5	11.7	11.7
Furniture and Fixtures	24.9	25.1	24.8	24.8
Metals	167.5	167.8	170.1	165.2
Primary Metals	52.6	53.0	52.9	49.4
Fabricated Metals	114.9	114.8	117.2	115.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	129.8	128.5	129.3	130.0
Electrical Machinery	30.8	32.0	31.9	32.6
Transportation Equipment	363.8	354.4	356.9	359.1
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	345.4	336.3	338.7	340.7
Other Transportation Equip.	18.4	18.1	18.2	18.4
Other Durables	36.3	36.9	37.2	37.2
Nondurables	197.3	198.2	199.5	201.0
Food and Kindred	45.0	46.8	48.0	48.5
Textiles and Apparel	20.9	20.2	20.0	20.5
Paper Products	20.2	20.1	20.3	20.2
Printing and Publishing	33.9	33.8	33.8	34.1
Chemicals and Petroleum	42.3	41.9	41.6	41.7
Other Nondurables	35.0	35.4	35.8	36.0
Nonmanufacturing	1819.5	1812.3	1810.9	1807.9
Construction	94.7	102.8	105.2	105.3
Trans., Commun., Utilities	136.9	137.1	138.3	137.8
Wholesale Trade	164.0	163.2	164.0	163.4
Retail Trade	585.0	572.4	563.4	561.1
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	157.6	157.0	156.6	157.3
Services	672.8	670.9	674.5	673.8
Mining	8.5	8.9	8.9	9.2
Government	574.5	583.7	582.6	571.8
Federal	57.5	56.6	56.6	56.8
State	135.2	144.6	144.8	138.4
Local	381.8	382.5	381.2	376.6
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.1

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

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CLAIMS ACTIVITY

Since September 1984, the number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan steadily increased. The regular benefits claims load averaged 131,980 per week in December, approximately 36,120 more than the September figure. In December 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 129,180.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program fell by 920 or 5.1 percent during the same four month period. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 17,160 per week for the month of December. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
December 01, 1984	116,200	16,500	99,700	16,500	1,900	14,600
December 08, 1984	129,100	20,900	108,200	18,000	2,200	15,800
December 15, 1984	135,700	20,500	115,200	18,000	2,100	15,900
December 22, 1984	136,400	20,400	116,000	17,400	2,200	15,200
December 29, 1984	142,500	29,400	113,100	15,900	1,800	14,100

SLIGHT DECLINE IN DETROIT AREA PRICES

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area inched downward by eight tenths of a percentage point during the last four months of 1984. The December index totaled 309.1 as reduced prices were evident throughout most of the product line. Prices in the area rose by 3.0 percent since December 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 300.1.

At the national level, the cost of living jumped by three tenths of a percent to end the year at 315.5. The higher national prices were due to increased medical and housing costs. Between December 1983 and December 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.0 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 303.5.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries jumped from 41.7 hours in November to 44.4 hours in December. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry.

During the month, average hourly earnings rose by twenty three cents to $12.71, while average weekly earnings climbed by $43.90 to total $564.32. In December 1983, earnings averaged $11.98 an hour or $524.35 per week for a 43.8 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Dec 1984	Nov 1984	Dec 1983	Dec 1984	Nov 1984	Dec 1983	Dec 1984	Nov 1984	Dec 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.71	$12.48	$11.98	44.4	41.7	43.8	$564.32	$520.42	$524.35
DURABLE GOODS	13.20	12.95	12.46	44.9	42.0	44.1	592.68	543.90	549.85
Primary Metal Products	12.03	11.87	12.04	40.7	38.9	42.4	489.62	461.74	511.16
Fabricated Metal Products	12.27	12.13	11.89	45.4	41.6	44.6	557.06	504.61	530.62
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.53	12.30	11.96	44.3	41.0	43.8	555.08	504.30	523.53
Electrical Machinery	11.13	10.99	10.33	43.3	40.2	42.8	481.93	441.80	442.22
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.96	14.67	13.86	46.4	43.5	45.0	694.14	638.14	623.83
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.60	10.60	10.10	42.2	40.8	42.3	447.32	432.48	426.98
Contract Construction	14.80	14.52	14.23	37.0	34.7	35.4	547.60	503.84	503.45
Department Stores	6.06	6.16	6.08	30.3	29.5	30.7	183.62	181.72	186.66

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

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